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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE

REF: STATE 135171 AND MOSCOW 7389

1. DURING HIS TOUR IN SOFIA WHERE HE WAS MINISTER-COUNSELOR OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY, YURIY IVANOVICH RAZDUKHOV, NOW NAMED SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE, WAS KNOWN TO EMBASSY. BOTH RAZDUKHOV AND HIS WIFE WERE PRETTY SMOOTH BOTH IN DRESS AND BEHAVIOR. THEY ARE RATHER HANDSOME COUPLE AND WHEN HE IS IN HIS DIPLOMATIC UNIFORM HE IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE. HIS ENGLISH IS LIMITED OR AT LEAST HE WAS HESITANT IN USING IT AND PREFERRED TO SPEAK RUSSIAN AND IF FORCED TO BULGARIAN.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HE NEVER APPEARED ALTHOUGH INVITED AT A WESTERN DIPLOMATIC FUNCTION TO WHICH HIS AMBASSADOR WAS INVITED AND SELDOM AT BULGARIAN OR EAST EUROPEAN FUNCTIONS IF HIS AMBASSADOR WAS IN TOWN. THIS COULD HAVE A NUMBER OF INTERPRETATIONS BUT THE MOST LIKELY IN OUR MIND IS THAT HE AVOIDS SUCH FUNCTIONS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WHEN IN EVIDENCE, HE SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE EXCEPT WITH BULGARIANS WHO FONDLED OVER HIM EVEN WHEN THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR WAS PRESENT.

3. OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT HE IS A REAL TOUGH COOKIE. AT LEAST THREE EE EMBASSY COUNSELORS HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT BUT REGRET AT

HIS DEPARTURE BECAUSE HE WAS SO "KIND AND HELPFUL".

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